

REMARKS**All Claims are Now in Condition for Allowance**

In the Ex Parte Quayle Office Action dated March 30, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the Supplemental Amendment filed January 20, 2006 has only partially been entered. More particularly, amended claims 9-18 were entered, but the Examiner indicated that new claims 25-29 would not be entered for the reasons stated at pages 2-3 of the Office Action. While Applicants do not necessarily agree with these assertions stated at pages 2-3 of the Office Action, Applicants have opted to cancel claims 25-29 without prejudice or disclaimer to possible presentation of these canceled claims in a continuing application based on the instant application.

Accordingly, claims 9-18 remain pending in this application and all of these pending claims have been allowed in the Office Action dated March 30, 2006. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance for pending claims 9-18 is thus respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") in this application on August 31, 2005 with a PTO Form 1449 for the Examiner to initial and return to Applicants in accordance with standard IDS practice. However, it appears that the Examiner has not yet returned this PTO Form 1449 to Applicants. **Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this PTO Form 1449 be initialed by the Examiner and returned with the next Office Communication.** In the event that these papers are missing from the USPTO's file, Applicants request to be notified of such so that a complimentary copy of the IDS papers filed on August 31,

2005, together with a copy of the stamped postcard indicating receipt of these papers by the USPTO, can be provided to the USPTO by Applicants.

CONCLUSIONS

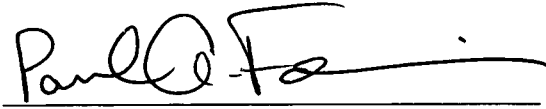
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below if any outstanding issues still need to be resolved. If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this Supplemental Amendment, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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